

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Sharon B. PAYTON et al

Attn: Applications

Serial No.: To be assigned

Filed: April 26, 2001

For: pH CONTROL OF SAUCES USED ON ACIDIFIED PASTA OR RICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to assigning a serial number and filing date to the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first sentence thereof, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a non-provisional application, which claims the benefit of provisional application serial number 60/199,830, filed April 26, 2000.--

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, applicants have identified a prior provisional application, which claims the benefit afforded by 35 U.S.C. 119 in the present non-provisional application.

Respectfully submitted,



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